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TAGS: CGEN, ACLM, APER, RP (PURDY, FREDERICK D.)  
SUBJ: LAW SUIT AGAINST CONSOFF FREDERICK PURDY

1. AT LEAST TWO NEWSPAPERS HERE HAVE CARRIED AP STORY OF OCTOBER 7 DATELINED WASHINGTON REPORTING THAT WIFE AND PARENTS OF CHARLES HORMAN, AMERICAN KILLED IN CHILE, HAVE SUED FORMER SECSTATE KISSINGER, AMBASSADOR NATHANIEL DAVIS, CONSUL FREDERICK D. PURDY AND SEVERAL OTHERS FOR \$4.5 MILLION. STORY SAYS SUIT CHARGES THEY "ENCOURAGED, SUGGESTED OR ACTUALLY REQUESTED" CHARLES HORMAN'S ARREST AND DEATH.

2. PURDY, WHO IS CONSOFF HERE NOW, WOULD APPRECIATE DEPT'S PROVIDING FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THIS SUIT AND SOME GUIDANCE ON HOW TO RESPOND TO IT. NO ATTEMPTS HAVE BEEN MADE TO SERVE ANY SUMMONS ON PURDY SO FAR. NUMEROUS PERSONS HERE HAVE SEEN PRESS STORY AND HAVE COMMENTED ON IT TO PURDY. HE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHAT ACTION THE DEPARTMENT MIGHT BE ABLE TO TAKE WITH REGARD TO THE DEFENSE OF THIS CASE AND WHAT ASSISTANCE IT COULD PROVIDE IN THE PROTECTION OF DEFENDANTS' REPUTATIONS.  
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